IN THE DRAWINGS:

The applicant has submitted concurrently herewith a request for approval of drawing changes in which minor errors in Figures 18A-18B, 19A-19B, 20 and 21 are corrected to be consistent with the descriptions in the specification. The applicant has also submitted concurrently herewith replacement sheets for the amended drawings.

REMARKS

In the office action, the examiner objected to the claims because of the wording errors in Claims 4, 11, 18 and 25. Accordingly, the applicant has amended the corresponding claims to correct the informalities.

The examiner rejected Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-18, 20-25, 27 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Millington et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,873,907) in view of Yourlo et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,092,935). Further, the examiner rejected Claims 5, 12, 19 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Millington et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,873,907) and Yourlo et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,092,935) in view of Liu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,349,257). Accordingly, the applicant as amended independent Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 of the instant case to more clearly distinguish the features of the pending claims from the technologies disclosed by the cited references.

Specifically, independent Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 now include the recitations which clarify that (1) the POI name list shows candidate destinations to visit based on an instruction specified by a user, and (2) the navigation system removes all POIs having the unwanted POI name from the POI name list, and (3) the user selects a destination in the POI name list from which the unwanted POI name has been removed for route guidance by the navigation system. The feature (1) is supported by the original disclosure with reference to Figures 4A-5B, the feature (2) is supported by

the original disclosure with reference to Figures 7A-9B, and the feature (3) is supported by the original disclosure with reference to Figures 10A-10D. These essential features of the present invention are not shown or suggested by the cited Millington et al. reference, the cited Yourlo et al. reference, or the Liu et al. reference as discussed below.

With respect to the feature (1) noted above, in the present invention, the POI name list shows candidate destinations to visit based on an instruction specified by the user. Namely, the applicant specifies that the POI name list is a list of candidate destination for travel. The cited Millington et al. reference discloses a graphic use interface displaying a plurality of icons associated with a plurality of potential destinations for the navigation system. The cited Yourlo et al. reference shows a costomizable data filter system that is adapted to reduce the dimension of the searchable data base. However, the item name list for the reduced data space shows a list of TV or VCR programs based on the electronic program guide. These programs Yourlo et al. have no relationship with the POI name list of destinations to visit defined in the present invention.

With respect to the feature (2) noted above, in the present invention, the navigation system removes all POIs having the unwanted POI name from the POI name list. As defined by the feature (1) above, the POI name list shows candidate destinations to visit. In the cited Yourlo et al. reference, however, as

discussed above with respect to the feature (1) above, the item name list shows a list of TV programs. It is directed to simplify the TV program list by filtering out the undesired TV program name from the electric program guide. Therefore, the essential feature (2) of the present invention is not shown or suggested by the cited references taken singly or in combination.

With respect to the feature (3) noted above, in the present invention, the user selects a destination in the POI name list from which the unwanted POI name has been removed for route guidance by the navigation system. Since the cited Millington et al. reference does not show any idea of removing the unwanted POI names from the POI name list, it does not show any idea of selecting a destination in the POI name list after removing the unwanted POI name from the list. As discussed above, the cited Yourlo et al. reference is directed to the method of simplifying the TV program list, thus has no relationship with the route guidance operation by the navigation system for the destination selected from the POI name list, or the removal of candidate destinations in the POI name list.

Thus, none of the features (1), (2) and (3) of the present invention are not shown or suggested by the cited Millington et al. reference or the cited Yourlo et al. reference taken either singly or in combination. Since none of the essential features of the present invention are disclosed by the cite references, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is not applicable to the present invention defined in Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22. All of the other

claims are dependent upon Claim 1, 8, 15 or 22 including all of the limitations of the base claim and defines the present invention with further specificities. Therefore, the applicant believes that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) to any of the claims is no longer applicable to the present invention.

In this opportunity, the applicant has amended the specification to correct minor wording errors therein. Also in this opportunity, the applicant has submitted concurrently herewith a request for approval of drawing changes in which minor errors in Figures 18A-18B, 19A-19B, 20 and 21 are corrected to be consistent with the descriptions in the specification. This is to verify that no new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

Under the circumstances, the applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, and the applicant respectfully requests that the present application be allowed and passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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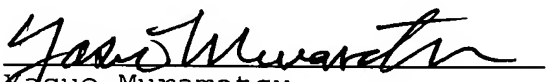
By: 

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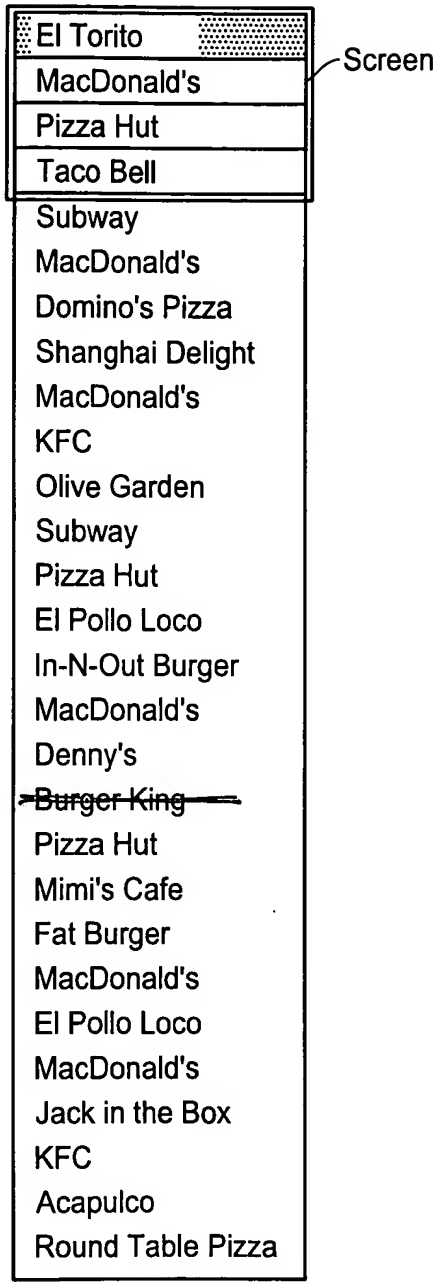
Fig. 18A



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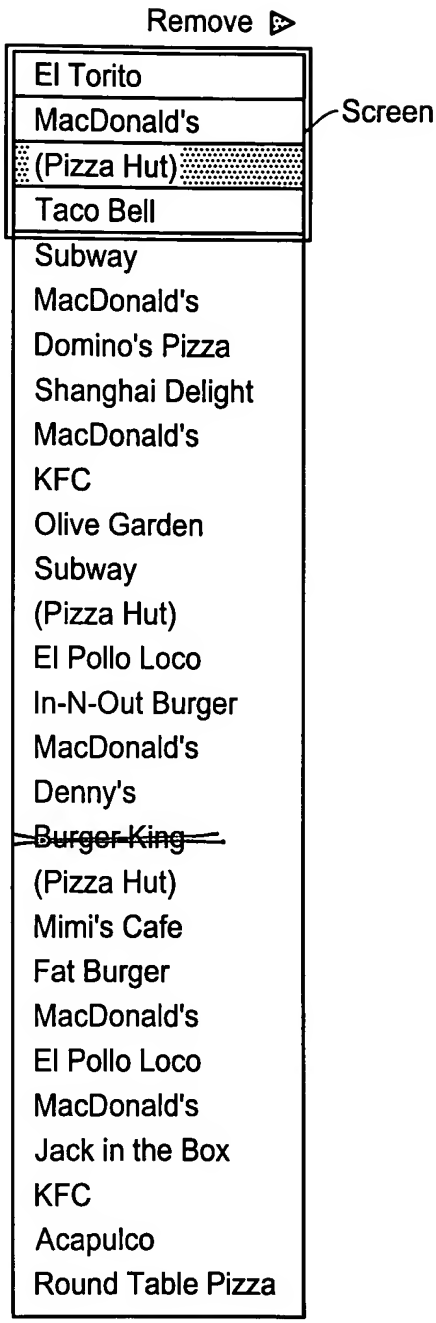

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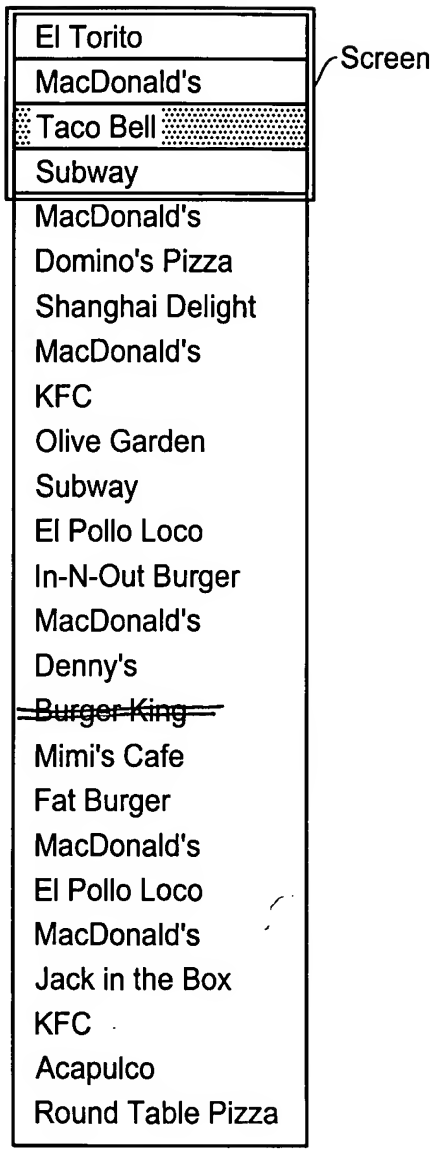

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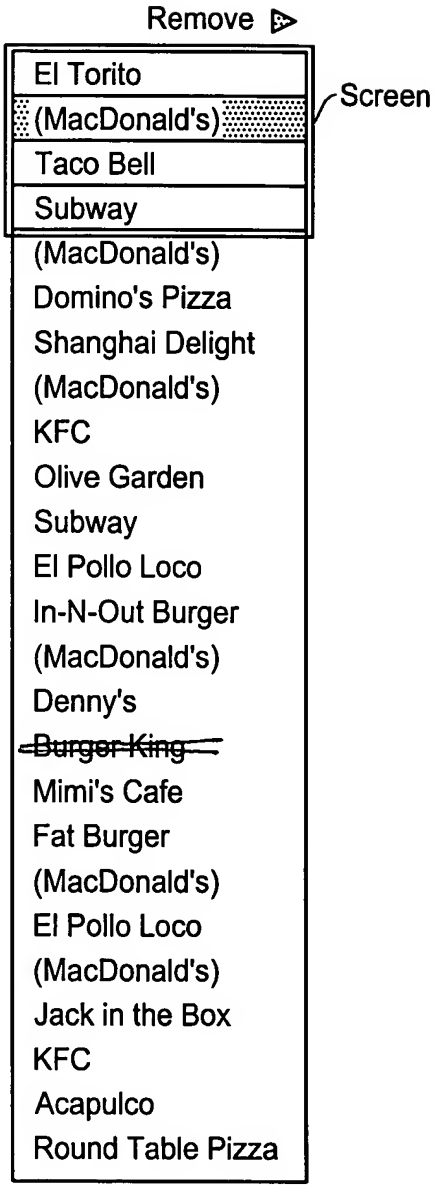
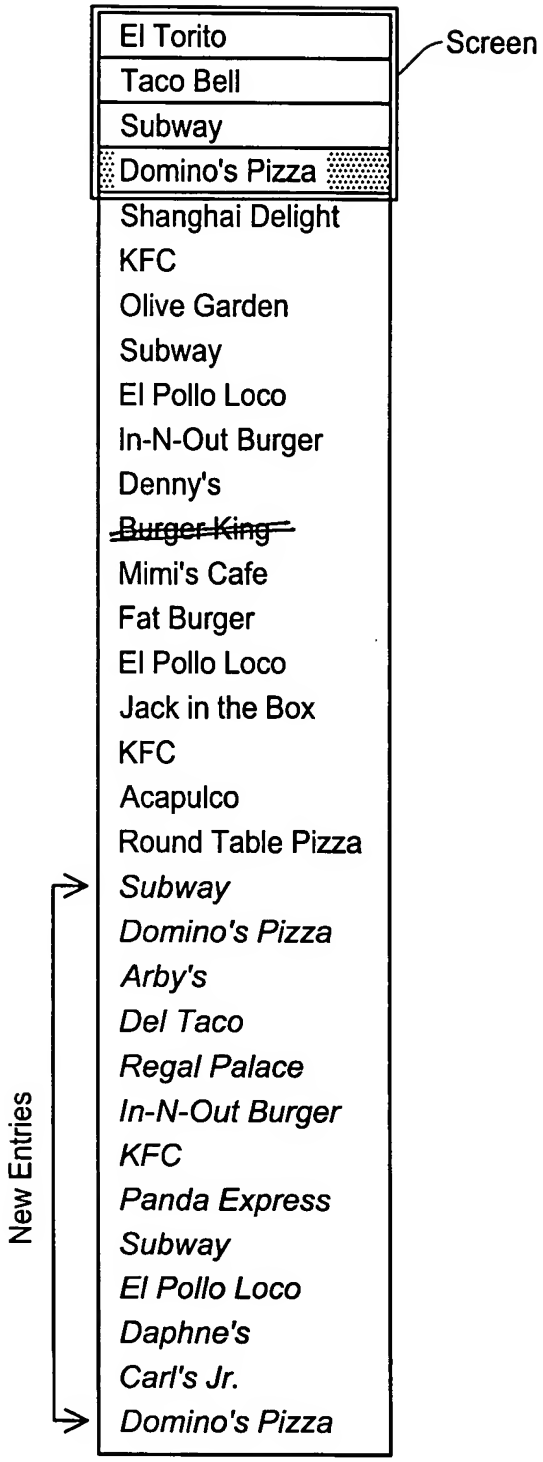


Fig. 20

El Torito
Taco Bell
Subway
Domino's Pizza
Shanghai Delight
KFC
Olive Garden
Subway
El Pollo Loco
In-N-Out Burger
Denny's
~~Burger King~~
Mimi's Cafe
Fat Burger
El Pollo Loco
Jack in the Box
KFC
Acapulco
Round Table Pizza
Screen

Fig. 21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Carl's Jr.
Domino's Pizza
New Entries
Screen